

SPECIAL MEETING

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

A special meeting of the Board was called to order by President Carey at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2005. All members of the Board were present. Board members and staff present were:

Carole Carey, President
Betty Lou Kasten, Vice President
Robert Griffith, Member
Jay Klawon, Member
Troy McGee, Member
John Paull, Member
Terry Smith, Member
Melanie Symons, Counsel
Linda Owen, Secretary

OPEN MEETING

Kathy McGowan, MSPOA; David Ewer, Ann Brodsky, and Vivian Hamel, Governor's Office; David D. Bohyer and David Niss, Legislative Services Division; Mike Dennison, Lee Newspapers; Matt Gouras, Associated Press; George Lane, Lee State Bureau; Anita Teichrow; Tom Schneider, MPEA; Jim Kembel, TIAA-CREF; Terry Teichrow; Kim Flatow, Member Services Bureau Chief; and Roxanne Minnehan, Fiscal Services Bureau Chief, MPERA, attended the meeting.

President Carey stated the main reason for this meeting was because the Board had received a letter from the Governor and it was their intent to try to work with and answer what the Board's concerns were, with back and forth input, and try to work things out. However, last night at the late hour, a complaint was filed against the Board by Governor Schweitzer. President Carey suggested that, given the circumstances, the Board cancel this meeting. She asked for input from the Board members.

Mr. Klawon said he wished this could have happened yesterday afternoon, so he did not have to drive over from Hamilton in the dark last night, on icy roads avoiding deer. He was not happy at all about the timing. President Carey asked if there was a motion to cancel the meeting. Mr. Klawon moved to cancel the meeting. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. President Carey called for public comment.

David Ewer stepped forward to address the Board. He stated his comments would be much abbreviated because the Board had a motion before them to adjourn. He asked that Board members be available for some questions, should their motion pass. He stated that, as the Board knows, the Governor has expressed his concerns about the process of selection of executive director.

Ewer stated that as the executive and chief budget director for the State, he is authorized and delegated various powers permitting the questioning of Board members.

And if you would like to know any more particulars about our ability to do that, I would defer to either Vivian Hamel or Ann Brodsky, their legal counsel. He respectfully requested that they have an opportunity to ask questions, maybe sooner rather than later, if the Board was going to adjourn.

Mr. Klawon stated he would prefer questions be directed to the Board's legal counsel and that no questions are answered until Barb Kain is present. Ms. Kain was in the process from the beginning and throughout the entire process. She is the representative for the Department of Administration, works in Human Resources, and Mr. Klawon thinks she needs to be here. President Carey felt Mr. Klawon made a good point.

President Carey stated the Board would move forward to vote on the motion to cancel the meeting. With the motion having been seconded, upon being submitted to vote, it was duly carried with the seven attending members voting aye. President Carey stated there would be no questions afterwards.